

MINUTES
BOARD OF EDUCATION
OKAW VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT # 302
March 19, 2009

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Board of Education of Okaw Valley Community Unit School District #302 was called to order at 7:03 P.M. in the OVIS Library by President Sean Creviston with the following Board members and administrators present: Brooke Bartimus, Sean Creviston, Michelle McClain, John Vander Burgh, Kari Younger, Eric Bruder, Mike Cummins, and Joel Hackney. Tim Rothrock arrived at 7:07 and Craig Macklin at 7:10. Paula Duis was absent.

VISITORS COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

President Creviston called for visitor comments and communications. Dallas Kirkwood presented a petition signed by OVHS students and spoke in support of Mr. Mark Tovey. A thank you note was read from the OVMS flag crew and Carol Scott for the installation of the flag pole light at OVMS.

CONSENT AGENDA

- Presentation for approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of the Board of Education held February 19, 2009.
- Recommendation to renew membership in the IESA (Illinois Elementary School Association) for the Intermediate and Middle Schools for the 2009-2010 school years and to adopt its Constitution and By-Laws.
- Recommendation to renew membership in the IHSA (Illinois High School Association) for the 2009-2010 school year and to adopt and abide by its Constitution, By-Laws, Terms and Conditions, and Administrative Procedures, Guidelines, and Policies.
- Approve participation in the IHSA Bass Fishing Sectional on April 24, 2009
- Approve the attendance of two FFA students at the Illinois Farm Bureau Youth Conference.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 1; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT, BILLS, PAYROLL

The monthly financial report, bills, and payroll were presented for Board approval. The Superintendent recommended that bills and payroll for the school district be

approved as follows:

- Bills for the month of March, 2009 - Education, \$110,514.19; O & M, \$33,213.93; Transportation, \$7285.85; Life/Safety, \$485.54; Tort, \$259.45.
- Payroll for the month of February, 2009 - Education, \$255,876.73; O & M, \$13,975.96; Transportation, \$23,985.92; IMRF, \$11,523.94; Tort, \$208.38.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the payroll for the month of February, 2009, and that the bills for the month of March, 2009, be approved as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION

Principals' Reports: The principals submitted written reports (attached), provided brief highlights/updates to the reports, and answered questions. Mt. Cummins mentioned that the tornado drill was not conducted but will be done soon, that a fire drill had been conducted in conjunction with the fire department for both OVIS and OVMS, and that officers for the OV Way committee will be selected in the future and will likely present to the Board in May. Mr. Bruder commended the WYSE team for their performance at regionals, highlighted the softball team's victory in the first game of the season, provided the date and time for DMH physicals-July 28th from 2:00-4:00, highlighted the accomplishment of Dallas Kirkwood and Sam Inman for all-conference honors, and mentioned the participation of our teachers in the professional learning communities offered through the LOVC conference.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Hackney provided an overview of the in-service conducted on March 13th and the upcoming PBIS training on April 27th and 28th for a group of teachers and administrators in the district; mentioned that ISATs were packed up and sent off for scoring; provided information about the crisis plan review meeting and the upcoming emergency preparedness meeting on March 21st; and provided the results of the annual Life/Safety visit and state audit.

School Improvement Reports: Mr. Cummins mentioned that the Explore test had been given at OVMS and the results were analyzed and compared to ISAT results from last year. Third quarter Rewards Day is also being planned at OVMS. Mr. Bruder provided information on the Test Prep program and the plan to solicit feedback from juniors on the effectiveness of the program and mentioned that the school improvement committee is considering a flex schedule that would provide a half hour block during the day to assist students.

Other-TAG Program: The Board discussed whether there was a desire to participate in the TAG program. It was decided that more information would be gathered and the possibility of participating in only parts of the program would be determined.

REGISTRATION/FEES/STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

Superintendent Hackney recommended that registration be held August 6 and 7, 2009 and that fees and meal/milk pricing remain the same for 2009-2010 with the exception of the band uniform cleaning fee being raised to reflect the increase in cleaning cost. It was also recommended that the district continue to use Markel Insurance Company as the student accident insurance provider.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that registration for the 2009-2010 school year be held on August 6 and 7, 2009 and that fees be established as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Sean Creviston and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve Markel Insurance Company as the student accident insurance provider for 2009-2010 as presented. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

BOARD POLICIES

Mr. Hackney presented creation/revisions of board policies based on recent legislative changes.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board approve on first reading creation and/or revision of Board policies 4:55, 4:130, 5:35, and 5:185. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

CLOSED SESSION

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board enter closed session at 7:58 p.m. as provided in 5 ILCS 120/2, subsection (c) for the purpose of discussing matters related to employment, evaluation, and compensation of employees. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board of Education return to open session at 12:20 a.m. Voice Vote: All voted aye. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board employ Tabitha Poper as transportation aide for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Kari Younger that the Board approve Mike McGill and Chuck Ditto as volunteer sponsors for Bass Fishing for the 2009 season. Roll call vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

NON-REEMPLOYMENT/REDUCTION IN FORCE

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board approve the resolution authorizing non-reemployment of full-time first-year non-tenured teachers: Don Freeman, Jane Messmore, and Carol Scott; full-time second-year non-tenured teacher Mark Dempsey; and third-year non-tenured teacher: Mark Tovey. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the resolution authorizing dismissal of fourth year non-tenured teacher Ken Reveal. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board approve the resolution authorizing honorable dismissal of education support personnel - teachers' aides or student personal aides: Becky Seifert, Lindsay Garvin, Lara Macklin, and Barbara Owens. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board re-employ part-time teachers for the 2009-2010 school year: Kathy Doty; Cheryl Rowe. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board re-employ the following non-tenured teachers for the 2009-2010 school year: Crystal Allen, Heidi VanderBurgh, Amanda Tackett, Maria Camareno, Angela Barter, Melody Foster, Jana Hortenstine, Marlo Jackson, and Emily Perry. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, abstention; Younger, yea. Yeas, 6; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 1. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Craig Macklin that the Board re-employ non-tenured teacher Jennifer Crowder contingent on successful completion of certification requirements. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by John VanderBurgh that the Board re-employ the following fourth-year teachers and place on tenure for the 2009-2010 school year: Renee Bone and Jill Fabert. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board re-employ Paula Duis for the 2009-2010 school year and assign as OVES Principal and District Special Education and At-Risk Coordinator with salary as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board re-employ Joel Hackney as District Superintendent for the 2009-2010 school year. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board re-employ Mike Cummins for the 2009-2010 school year and assign as OVIS and OVMS principal with salary as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Tim Rothrock and seconded by Brooke Bartimus that the Board re-employ Eric Bruder for the 2009-2010 school year and assign as OVHS Principal and District Athletic Director with salary as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

It was moved by Craig Macklin and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board employ Doug McCausland as OVIS and OVMS Assistant Principal and District Technology Coordinator with salary as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, nay; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, nay; Younger, yea. Yeas, 5; Nay, 2; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

NON-CONTRACT WAGES

It was moved by Kari Younger and seconded by Tim Rothrock that the Board approve the non-contract wages for the 2009-2010 school year as presented. Roll Call Vote: Bartimus, yea; Creviston, yea; Macklin, yea; McClain, yea; Rothrock, yea; Vander Burgh, yea; Younger, yea. Yeas, 7; Nay, 0; Absent, 0; Abstention, 0. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Brooke Bartimus and seconded by Michelle McClain that the Board of Education adjourn at 12:29 a.m., March 20, 2009. Voice vote: All voted aye. The motion carried.

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education